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Rumors put to rest in CGT program

Rumors circulating about the alleged dismissal of the Computer Graphics Technology program have students wondering about their future.

However Dean of the School of Technology Niaz Latif is putting rumors to rest while confirming that the CGT program will not be removed from PUC but combined with a similar program.

CGT's shift to Computer Information Technology combined both programs into Computer Information Technology and Graphics after the Board of Trustees approved the name change last week. The shift comes in result to the School of Technology reorganizing in July 2007.

The program will also see new faces.

Contracts with some instructors will not be renewed in effort to bring "more qualified" professionals to teach the courses, he said.

The program will also see the addition of a new tenure-track faculty position, bringing the number in full-time permanent faculty to four. Latif said one continuing lecturer position was converted to the full-time tenure track position.

"Our task is to find the right person to teach those courses," he said. "We go through a national search to find the right person to teach."

For education purposes, dedicated faculty members are needed for the program, Latif added. Continuing lecturers positions are filled by dedicated people but are not fully dedicated positions.

Chronicle photo by Mike Schaefer

Jose Pena, a junior in the Computer Graphics Technology program, works in Anderson 216 and finishes a class project.

Latif mailed a letter to more than 200 CGT majors to clarify information circulating within the program. The letter, mailed last week, invites students and parents to partake in an open forum on April 30.

"I feel obligated to do this," he said.

The letter was also in response to those unable to attend the two previous town hall meetings held this semester to discuss the program.

However some CGT majors said they received late or no notification of the town hall meetings.

And Matthew Rozo was one of them.

Rozo said he is classified as a CGT major, but received no e-mail notification about the first town hall meeting. He did receive an e-mail about the second meeting held.

Another CGT student, who asked to remain anonymous, said she received an e-mail last notice. The e-mail was sent a day before the meeting, she said.

The lack of communication between the department and students only caused more rumors to develop about the program's future, she said.

"That's exactly the problem. It's why so many people are upset. We have no idea what's going on. All we get are rumors. The rumors turn out to be somewhat based on truth," Rozo said.

This caused students and parents to phone and write the department. And one phone call led to what Rozo calls "an unexpected visit" from Department Head Reza Kamali.

Kamali spoke to Rozo's Vector Imaging for Computer Graphics class unexpectedly one Tuesday night.

Kamali said he visited the class "to reassure students about the department's commitment to support the CGT program and its growth." He did so after receiving a phone call from a student's parent in the same class.

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Chronicles of a PUC SOLDIER

Transition from a weekend warrior

Casey Brandon
Staff Writer

Casey Brandon is q sophomore history major serving a year-long tour in Iraq for the Army National Guard. Follow Casey's articles in future editions of The Chronicle.

When I started this deployment, I thought I had a pretty good idea on how the Army worked. I had been in long enough to have seen, at least with the National Guard, my fair share.

Being on reserve status and active duty are two totally separate lifestyles.

While on reserve status, weekend drill involved showing up once a month and following the same formula over and over again. We would do some classes, maybe some physical training, and generally hang out. Sometimes we would go out to the rifle range.

Our two weeks during the summer – known as our annual training – we got to go play in the woods. It was just enough time to get our hands dirty. For the most part though, we knew what to expect.

It was pretty easy being a weekend warrior.

My previous experience being activated was when Hurricane Katrina hit Louisiana and Mississippi. I was activated for two months doing disaster relief in Mississippi.

Now I've been on active duty orders for almost a year. It really is night and day to my previous experience in the Guard.

The biggest difference is actually having a job to do, and leaders and soldiers alike have to step up to meet standards.

It really is a culture shock all over again for those soldiers who hadn't been deployed before, were never regular Army, and have been out of basic training for a while.

Going to basic training was the breaking down of the individual in most cases. Then the Army would build that person back up. You come out a soldier one way or another if you complete basic training.

In the regular Army, you're in the lifestyle year round and get the discipline needed to survive a deployment reinforced every day.

The Guard is a horse of a different color. You are a reserve soldier. You train and sometimes respond to a state or national

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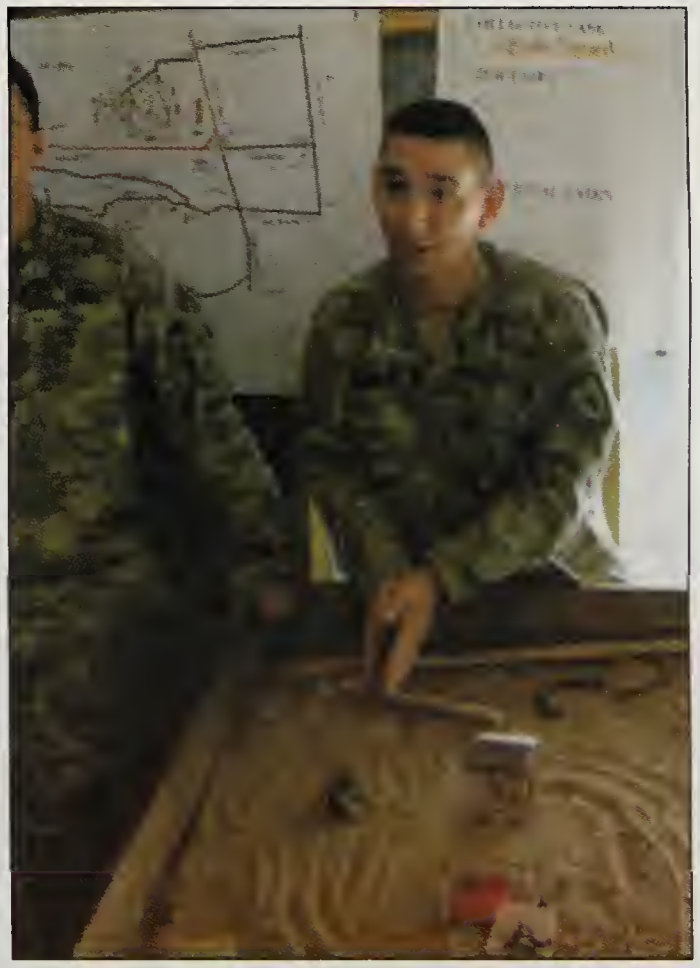

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Sgt. Geifing goes over a simulated operation being performed for training at Fort Dix in New Jersey.

Final Exam Schedule

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What's Going On?

A Look Around...

YJean Chambers events

The following events will be held in the YJean Chambers Theatre:

On Monday, April 21, a student showcase performance will be held where talented students present 45 minutes of entertainment. This will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, April 22, open rehearsals will be held by the Purdue Vocal Company.

Ever want to see how a vocalist company puts there songs together? Come and see.

Everyone is invited.

On Wednesday, April 23, the student showcase will continue at 11:30 a.m. Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, Dorothy Parker and the Cheetas Girls will be performing for your pleasure.

On Wednesday, April 30, come relax to quiet, soft music during the mediation session at 1 p.m. No beverages are allowed.

More information on the following events, contact Corya Channing at 989-2267.

Organization meeting for film series held

On organizational meeting will be held at noon on Monday, May 5 in CLO 314 to plan for next fall's International Film Series. If you would like to present a film next semester or are interested in contributing your ideas for movie themes or titles, please plan to attend. If unable to attend, please feel free to submit your ideas in advance by e-mail to: lombardo@calumet.purdue.edu.

Open forum of CGT students

The School of Technology will hold an Open Forum for students in the Computer Graphics Technology program on Wednesday, April 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gyte building, Room 103. The Open Forum will discuss the CGT program and its goals for the future, as well as address concerns and answer questions.

Free open tutoring

Free open tutoring for Intro to Psychology is available to all students.

Tutoring is offered in Gyte 102 in the SADC Tutoring Center by Maria Zaglaras.

No appointment is needed. Tutoring is offered during Monday and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Fridays 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

PUC Parkour

If you are a free runner or traceur and crave a challenge, then join PUC Parkour. E-mail Anthony Trnka at trnkaa1@calumet.purdue.edu or Matt Dudzik at dudzik@calumet.purdue.edu for more information.

Stress free week

Stree free week is April 28 to May 2. Relax before finals with a free movie and popcorn. "Wild Hogs" will be playing in the Calumet Falls TV room on Monday, April 28. Approximate movies times are 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The event is brought to you by Student Activities.

Communication Celebration Night

Join the Department of Communication and Creative Arts for Communication Celebration Night.

This event will honor outstanding undergraduate and graduate students in communication.

This will be held on April 24 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the YJean Chambers Hall in SUL. Light refreshments will be served.

SJC meetings held weekly

The Social Justice Club will hold its weekly meetings on Mondays throughout the semester. The meetings will being at 5 p.m. in SUL 321.

Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

Briefs may be submitted via e-mail at chronicle@calumet.purdue.edu or campus cc: mail - Chronicle or to the newsroom located in the Student Union and Library building, room 344H.

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PUC students seek the truth

New student organization studies paranormal sightings

Tiara Stout
Chronicle Correspondant

Have you wondered about different events, felt like someone else was in the room with you or heard something out of nowhere?

Then Purdue Paranormal Investigation may be able to help.

The idea of this new organization came from its founder and president Kyle Ratkovich, who has been investigating the paranormal as a hobby for nine years.

PPI was started by "a great idea late at night while discussing a lack of paranormal investigators at Purdue" Ratkovich said.

"I felt the need to help the Purdue Calumet community while enriching my own understanding of the paranormal spectrum," he said.

PPI will be investigating hauntings and other reports of paranormal activity using different types of technology such as voice recordings, temperature readings, motion sensors and other equipment.

The investigations are conducted to check the facts, identify and document reported happenings. They will organize interviews with people associated with cases, events, sightings, and document happenings while being detail oriented. Once all information is collected, they will observe and evaluate it. From there, the group will make an educated judgment based on the data, present the evidence found and provide a decision to progress.

PPI plans to conduct some investigations this summer at different sites and help the members of the community who believe they may be subject to hauntings.

As of now, PPI has eight members, but are currently recruiting. Any PUC student or alumni who are open minded and interested in paranormal activity can join.

The next meeting is scheduled Wednesday, April 23 at 5:30 p.m.

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Jazi Quintero, a sophomore psychology major, recalls personal paranormal experiences during the inaugural meeting of the Purdue Paranormal Investigation.

Want to join?

Contact purdueparanormal @gmail.com

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There you will be asked for a user name and pass word.

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Rozo said he felt the 40-minute visit from Kamali was useless. Kamali assured students that more qualified instructors will be hired, Rozo said, with most information being repetitive.

Kamali seemed defensive about the rumors, he added.

"He asked [us] if we think he's this stupid that he would dismantle the program after changing the name to graphics," Rozo said. "It's a little intimating to have this guy standing in the room, whom you've never seen before, yelling about how he's not stupid to dismantle a program and other changes that he's making and no one's heard about."

"We are losing instructors and hiring new instructors we know nothing about. He himself [Kamali] admitted he knows nothing about that."

Latif said he did receive one letter from a student unhappy about the response she received from Kamali.

"I don't know how he attributed things, or his tone, but I know that if I do meet with them and I will tell them everything so they understand," Latif said.

Some students worry the shift to a new department will affect class curriculum.

Students fear they will learn how to build a program, as opposed to learning how to use it, Rozo said. This may emphasize more with programming, rather the graphics aspect of programs, he added.

However the curriculum could change if the instructor decides to do so, Latif said. Like the approval of the department name change, it has to be approved by curriculum departments at several levels in order to be approved – including the Board of Trustees.

The name change did not affect class curriculum, he said, and that the program is sustained by itself.

"We cannot take out or add a program at our whim. It has a process that it goes through," he said. "Only faculty can change that. Faculty changes everything. I cannot change any curriculum."

Changes in curriculum for higher education may also occur based on industry demand for CGT majors. If alumnus are not finding employment, then the curriculum will be examined. If students are finding employment, then there are no worries, he said.

Surveys are also given to alumnus in the workforce to help with curriculum.

"The industry will help us decide which way [courses] will go," Latif said.

Some CGT courses may be taught by CIT instructors. However, it depends on the expertise each possesses, he said.

To help better shape the program, an external consultant, with a background in CGT, assessed whether PUC is running its curriculum the way it is done nationally.

Not every student agrees the shift in curriculum in necessarily a bad thing.

CGT major Jason Earl understands the need for change in it.

"We have to say that our goals are to change this to cover a lot of the fundamentals necessary for the current time period and try to address the future needs of our education," he said. "This field demands that you adjust to the change."

The technology of this field is growing exponentially, he added, and it branches off in so many directions that the program needs a constant check on how much relevant change is stirring in CGT's future.

"With such change, we do need our degree to actually follow in suit," Earl said. "I do agree with the change and idea to change what we're learning."

Yet the way the program merged with CIT is something that will hinder rather help, Earl said. CGT has the needs that merit its own department, he added.

"We would profit better with our own department," Earl said.

For an extended version of this article or to view Dr. Latif's letter visit:

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Warrior

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emergency.

The Guard is a lot more laid back. Some of the formality and discipline of the regular army is not needed in the Guard. Most soldiers in it are successful in their civilian lives, and the discipline needed on deployment is not needed to maintain the military structure and train while in the Guard.

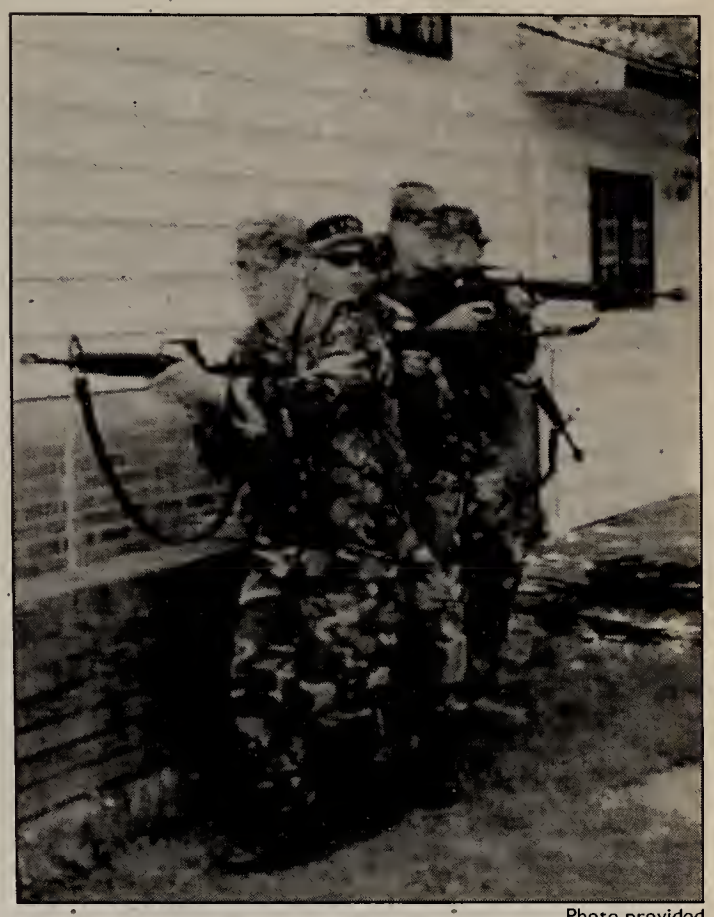
Bad things happen if you don't have the discipline back when mobilizing for a deployment or get it back quickly once you're here.

You don't want to be out on mission and wonder if the gunner in your truck is falling asleep or just not paying attention. The discipline leads to trust in your team and your squad or section.

You want to be sure that if something happens out there, whether it is a gun truck or package vehicle getting hit or a road block that needs to be cleared, everybody is on the same page and reacts accordingly to the situation.

The difference is, while back home, all the training you did was just that – training. Out here, it's game time. Things count no matter how big or small.

Honestly, I've seen a change in myself. Coming out of basic training I felt very much what the Army expected me to be. As the years went on though, I slipped into the Guard lifestyle. I will admit I did lose some of that discipline drill sergeants tried so hard to instill in me.



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Troops go through basic training in searching houses.

But during the mobilization process I discovered I need to raise myself to that higher level. I found out in order to survive over here you're going to need it.

Now I'm nearing the end and have to adapt back into the civilian side of life. I will admit the day I left for Fort Dix, our mobilization site, I had turned into the civilian who I had been before going into basic training.

The discipline learned on this deployment is no different than what I learned in basic training; just I've been living it for a year.

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PUC gossip release

Isabel Rodriguez
Editor in Chief

Only so many issues or events can be covered in The Chronicle. Quite a thing to say, yes, but it's true. So without further ado, allow me to grab some eavesdropping from the PUC grapevine. You won't believe what's going on.

"Taggers" strike again

The infamous Pixel Fairies left a little bit of magic on the side of Gyte earlier this month. This magic spans about 7 feet across the wall with "lots and lots of pretty colors." Cool? To some. Nifty? You got to give the artist (or artists) credit for their drawing skills. Vandalism? That's what some administrators are saying. It's safe to assume the fairies worked while us Muggles slept during the night. How can they not get caught? Oh, that's right. It's probably because there's only one PUC policeman on duty during the night. There's only so much patrolling that can be done by one on a fairly sized campus. Silly me. Thanks PUC PD!

You scream, we scream, we all scream for cheaper (fatty) food

The wonderful Student Government Association picked their battles quite tastefully this year. After an open forum and much debate, SGA was able to get Chartwells in agreement for cheaper food. Yes, a wider variety of the value menu is available for those tired of the typical burger, hot dog or spicy chicken breast. Added to the $1.25 value menu? French fry and fountain drink at $1.

Yikes. Well, I'm sure the Fitness Center will be ecstatic about the raise in membership.

Raising the roof, Los Latinos style

Students and faculty gathered Saturday to enjoy a great evening to honor dedicated organization members and advisors. Awards were given left and right, and plenty organizations banked on honors. Many were quick to cheer, including Los Latinos. After winning the mama of awards, Hispanics (and others, of course) howled loud and clear. You would think it were the Latin Grammys.

Oh, I love Selenas!

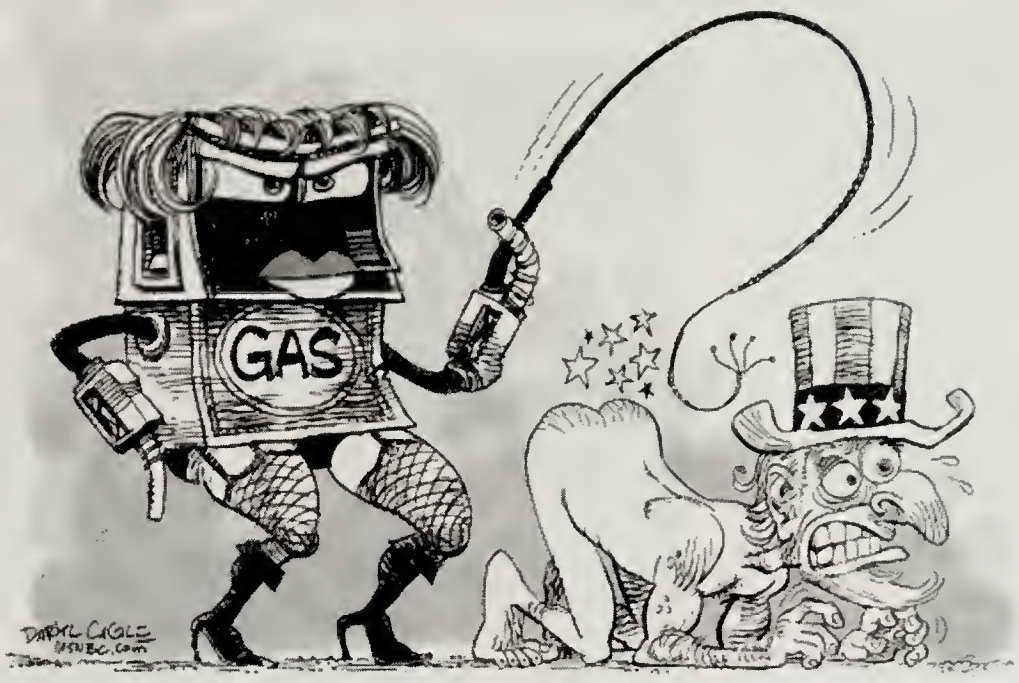
Be sure to bulk up

Making the headlines again is Chartwells. Hours for hot food were extended for the traffic bustling during the mid-afternoon. So it will be offered from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. now. But it's still a "no" on extended hours for Outtakes in SUL during the weekend. Too bad, University Village residents. You'll have to walk to the gas station or to Van Tills on 169th St. for that toothbrush, late night snacks or emergency condom.

Wait, they sell condoms in Outtakes but not gum?!

Scandalous.

Have feedback? Readers can contact Isabel Rodriguze at chronicle_eic @ yahoo.com or (219) 989-2547.



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A lack of communication

The issue: CGT program

Our opinion: Lack of communication between students, faculty the cause for widespread rumors

Computer Graphics Technology students have received few answers in regards to the changes stirring in the department.

Nobody, aside from the CGT faculty, knows what's going on. All CGT students are talking about the status of their program, and no information is ever the same.

Two town hall meetings were held to discuss changes to CGT. However several students confirmed they received late or no notification of the first town hall meeting. There was a small increase in students receiving an e-mail notification about the second town hall meeting.

One student confirmed that the e-mail came one day prior the town hall meeting. It's easy to see why there was low attendance.

Most students relied on each other to distribute the information the department failed to properly advertise. Why weren't e-mails sent to over 200 students about the meetings?

The department failed to properly inform students. Plain and simple. Nothing but rumors recessed around the campus, building up until some form of the truth eventually leaked out.

Why were students not fully informed from the beginning of every available detail about CGT's future? Giving every detail about its future would have prevented these rumors collecting into one big miscommunication.

Students and their parents shouldn't be to blame. They had every right to phone or write someone within the department for answers.

How else are rumors suppose to be cleared?

It would of saved Department Head Reza Kamali a trip to one CGT class. It would of saved parents' and students' minutes calling the department, hoping the rumors aren't true.

It would of saved everyone the stress if a widely publized open forum was scheduled once the Department of Technology reorganized in July 2007.

Dean Niaz Latif sent out a letter in order clear up any misunderstandings about the changes occurring. The letter itself doesn't fully put the rumors to rest, but does broadly scan some changes made - within the program, which is understandable. The letter invites students and parents to an open forum where questions will be answered.

It seems like the department is now trying to make up for its mistake.

It may be too little too late.

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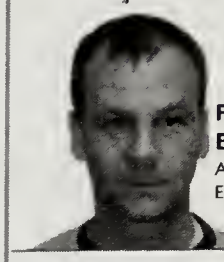

Rick Balutewicz
Assistant Photo Editor

Someone would have to be sequestered to not be aware of the protests accompanying the relay of the Olympic torch. From the United Kingdom to the United States, there have been protests calling for the boycott of the Olympic Games.

Some of these protests are in the form of silent exertion, such as Yolaine De La Bigne, a French environmental journalist who was a torchbearer in Paris who happened to don a Tibetan flag headband. The Chinese guards abruptly tore the headband from her head. These blue tracksuit-wearing guards accompany the torch from continent to continent. They are described by many people as thugs who shout orders at the torchbearers.

In a world where China is the leading manufacturer of goods, it is understandable why the leading countries of the world are unwilling to boycott the Olympics. Doing so could very well cause a major glitch in today's global economy.

Causing hostilities by boy-cotting the Olympics could set China on a course that would impose undue tariffs, taxes, or a complete shutdown of manufactured good. This would leave the westernized, Wall-mart ease of cheap goods generation bewildered.

This does not make it right.

China's crackdown on Tibetan protesters and the support of the leading nations of the world, in the name of attending the games, is the true threat to freedom. It's not with some has-been dictator (Saddam Hussein) in which we fight a war that has very few supporters.

In addition, to be a good Buddhist I will present a balanced argument. A few years ago, when the Dali Lama came to Bloomington, IN it cost over a $100 to attend an appearance of the great teacher. The teachings of the Buddha are a guide on living a good life. It teaches its followers to give away possessions and take their bowl to the street every morning to beg their alms. According to Buddhism, money is a vice that should be avoided and it costs a pretty penny just to hear the teachings by the Lama. Tell me, is what is happening in Tibet karma showing its face?

This is not meant as a slight toward the Chinese people; it's just an awakening to a form of unjust government and the leading countries of the world supporting it with its actions by not boycotting the opening ceremonies.

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Football musical scores touchdown

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For those expecting "Knute Rockne All American" to be a play about football, here's a warning: it's a musical. And delightfully so.

With high energy songs and dance numbers "The Shift" to the sad and inspiring "Confession" with music by Michael Mahler and lyrics by Mahler and David H. Bell (who also directed and choreographed the play), "Knute" scores a touchdown in the world premiere at Theatre at the Center.

"Knute" follows the 18-year career of Knute Rockne (Stef Tovar) at Notre Dame. Like the Fighting Irish, Knute has fought to excel at everything he does, especially when it comes to the field.

Success on the field does not equal success off the field. Knute disappoints his father Lars (Dennis Kelly) by dropping out of high school and messing up a job at the post office. Knute later disappoints his optimistic wife Bonnie (Kate Fry) for spending more time with his team than his family.

Tovar radiates excellence as he puts his all into Rockne, never faltering in intensity and emotion with perfect stage presence.

Besides Tovar, two other cast members made an impression. Brandon Danequist made all American football bad boy with a heart of gold George Gipp a sympathetic character. Even though George lives it up with women, booze and gambling without a care in the world, beneath his tough exterior, a sweet version of himself is revealed.

Starr Busby performs as bold and sassy Thelma at Jimmy the Goat's. It's as if she could have taken over Queen Latifah's role as Matron Mama Morton in the 2002 film version of "Chicago" with no problem.

What is most impressive is the way the ensemble (especially the ladies) effortlessly transforms from role to role. The women of the ensemble transition from crowd members to students to nightclub dancers and back again with ease. While male ensemble members dance and sing, a few look like they could easily sing a song and tackle someone in the same breath.

Minimal sets by scenic designer Alan Edward Schwanke allowed for the cast (and audience) to use their imagination. Beds became benches, restaurant tables became dinner tables with the quick change of a table cloth.

"Knute" is a touchdown, field goal and extra point all rolled into one championship play.

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Rockne, played by Stef Tovar, is the football coach for Notre Dame. He and the other actors effortlessly change roles while singing and dancing at the same time. Minimal sets provoke the imagination to turn props like beds into benches.

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Got a passion for fashion?

Check out the local thrift stores for affordable threads

Olivia Castaneda
Staff Writer

It is amazing what you can find when thrift shopping. Like the old saying goes, "Someone else's junk is another person's treasure." That's the beauty of thrift stores; it is designer "junk" that has practically no wear or tear into them.

Here are important tips to keep in mind when shopping at a thrift store:

*Make sure to call for store hours before heading out. Thrift shops tend to be privately owned and have their own business hours.

*Have enough time. Most likely the real treasures (slightly worn, designer or unstained/ripped) take time to find. Need some help digging? Bring a friend who loves bargain shopping as much as you do.

*Be aware of the shoes. Some thrift shops have the right to reject, but don't do so sometimes. Don't let the designer label tempt you into buying. If the purchase is a must, be sure to pick up some necessities for sanitizing. Foot powder or even scented liners will help cure the problem.

*Most shipment pickups at donation boxes occur a few times out of the week. If desiring the best pick, ask the employees when they pick up, select and tag items.

*It's best to pay with cash. Some thrift shops do accept credit or debit, but it's quicker and safer to pay with cash. Sometimes your signed copy is placed sloppily around the register area. Don't chance it.

* Select stores (including Goodwill) have more upscale outlets. Do some research and see if that thrift shop you're heading to have such an outlet. Chances are they may, but be ready to pay a few extra dollars for the upgrade in the shopping experience.

*Check the return and exchange policy. Chances are they don't allow returns but only exchanges. And that is with a receipt. Before purchasing that outfit, ask for the return and exchange policy. If there's no return policy, be sure your goods are exactly what you're looking for - especially when no dressing rooms are available.

On a recent venture out thrift shopping with only $20, the only store open was Goodwill in Lansing. This store had a few cute, young items for chump change. They carried all kinds of name brand clothes from Tommy Hilfiger to The Gap. Their jean selection was very impressive, but unfortunately their top selection was mediocre. When searching for larger sizes, the selection was limited to the styles for older women.

Editor in Chief Isabel Rodriguez contributed to this article

Forever 21 squenced tank
$2 @ Goodwill

Total cost: $7

Mossimo low -rise jeans
$5 @ Goodwill

At Last Peasant top
Old Navy sweater
Gold necklace
$3, $6, 50 cents @ The Village

Old Navy straight leg jeans w/ zip ankle
$6 @ The Village

Total cost: $10.50

Grand total: $17.50

Check out these shops:

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Unique Thrift Store
6144 Broadway in Merrillville

The Attic
786 McCool Road in Valparaiso

New Horizon's Thrift Shop
7302 Columbia Ave. in Hammond

When it comes to waking up, what's the fruit that's more efficient than caffeine at doing the job?

weekly trivia

Last week's answer:Bruce's Springstein's Born in the USA

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A guide to Chicago outdoor activities

Darshei Goode
Staff Writer

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Chicago offers a lot of outdoor activities, especially when the weather warms up. Try a tour on the lake. If dry land is perferred, check out the theater tour that steers clear of the water.

It's time to bid cabin fever farewell, and start planning some fun in Chicago. Don't forget to bring the camera and a comfortable pair of shoes.

*Interested in the history of theater? The Tour of Chicago Theatre includes historical and architectural highlights of different theaters, including their grand lobbies, majestic auditoriums and backstage (when possible) where performers have prepared throughout the years. Tours take place every Tuesday and Thursday at 12 p.m. from April through September. Each tour is approximately one hour, and is only $5 per person.

*A cruise along Lake Michigan is another idea. The Lakeshore Sail Charters are the people to help with just that. The Red Witch, also known as the Tall Ship, holds many special events throughout the spring and summer. This includes two hours of sailing, prior to the fireworks show, watching the sun set while helping with some of the sailing duties. The evening ends with a great fireworks show just off the coast of Chicago. A beverage and a light snack are also included. Feel free to bring in food and drink for a picnic. Prices range from $65-$35. Prices vary for adults, children and seniors.

*A world of antiques and fine art is coming. The 11th annual Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair will include more than 100 premier international dealers of antiques and fine arts. A breathtaking array of items from different periods and origins will be offered and there will be designers guest speaking . Items will include jewelry, furniture, posters, sculptures, paintings, etc. The fair takes place April 25 – April 28 for the spring fair. Tickets are $20 for a one day pass and $25 for multi-day passes and may be purchased online.

*Here's a fun and exciting experience. Looptopia 2008 has a swing of amusing activities, with a side of entertainment anyone might be looking for. Looptopia turns the city on its head Friday, May 2 as the Loop is transformed into a sensory playground celebrating arts, culture, and architecture alike. This all night extravaganza paints the Loop as an urban wonderland – its upbeat, its boisterous, it's all Chicago. 300 artist, 100 venues, 14 hours. It's a night not soon forgotten.

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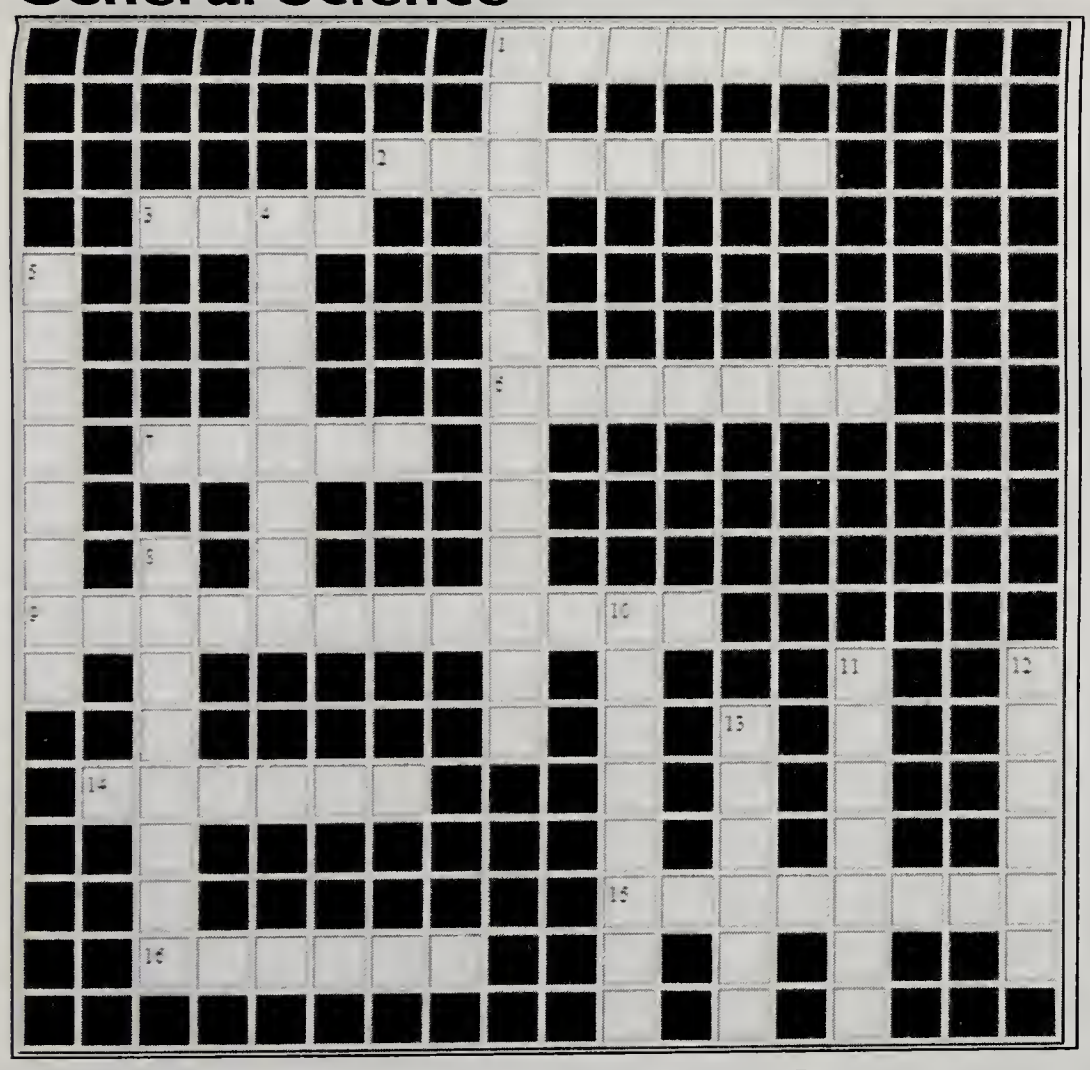

Across

1. This man is best known for his law of planetary motions
2. The scientific name for table salt is sodium ___
3. "The Chemicals between Us"was performed by this band
6. This chemical element is a song off of Nirvana's "Nevermind"
7. This is the hottest planet in the solar system
9. "She Blinded Me with Science" is an '80s song performed by
14. The definition of this word is "the capacity to do work"
15. About 70 percent of the Earth's air is ____
16. Diamonds are mainly composed of what element

Down

1. _____ played the creation of two nerds in "Weird Science"
4. The word science comes from this latin word
5. ____ is an object's speed and the direction of motion
8. To becomes a member of CSI, you first have to study this science
10. He is known as the "Science Guy"
11. An element is determined by the amount of ___ it has
12. ____ is the study of plants
13. Something that has weight and occupies space is known as

Sudoku medium

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46°/32°

Tuesday
April 22
Isolated T-Storms
55°/42°

Wednesday
April 23
Sunny
61°/49°

Thursday
April 24
Few Showers
64°/49°

Friday
April 25
Thunderstorms
62°/45°

Saturday
April 26
Showers
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Sunday
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Showers
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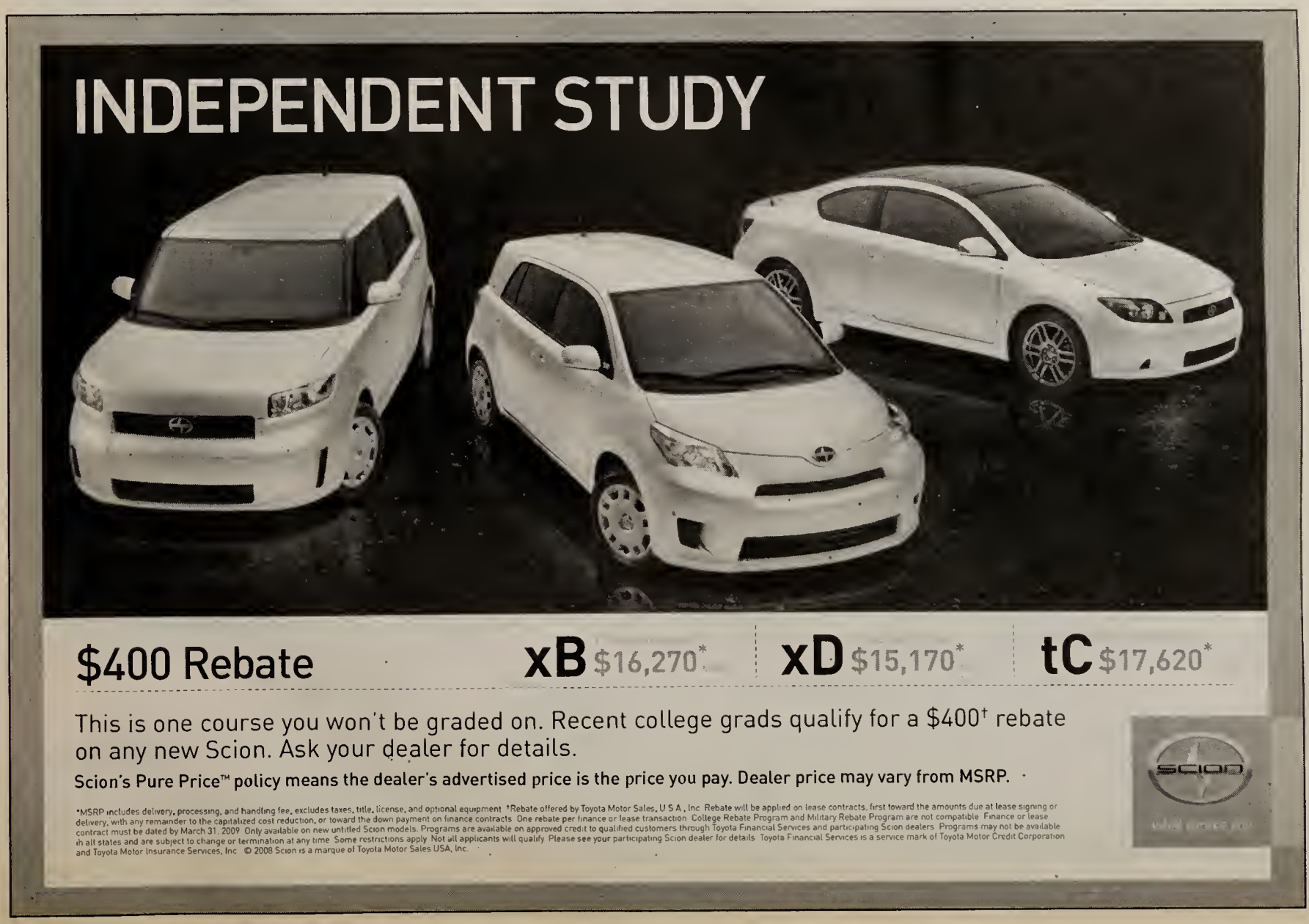
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Rivalries tip-off NBA playoffs

Joe Wielosinski
Staff Writer

As the weather heats up outside, the action on the court will heat up as well. The NBA playoffs started this past weekend, and never before have there been so many exciting, well contested first-round matchups.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Boston Celtics (1) vs Atlanta Hawks (8)

This will be the Hawks first playoff appearance since 1999. Congratulations. Now get ready to pack your bags and go back home. Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce, and Ray Allen will be there to help.

Prediction: Celtics in four.

Detroit Pistons (2) vs Philadelphia 76ers (7)

The 76ers have been one of the more surprising teams in the East this season. But when push comes to shove, the experience the boys from the Motor City have will be more than enough to help them advance.

Prediction: Pistons in five

Orlando Magic (3) vs Toronto Raptors (6)

The Magic have been one of the the most under-rated team in the NBA. Dwight Howard is a mega star, and his "Super Man" performance in the slam-dunk contest has carried on all year. Toronto does not have enough man-power to stop him.

Prediction: Magic in five

Cleveland Cavaliers (4) vs Washington Wizards (5)

The Washington Wizards have been trash-talking the Cavs, calling LeBron James "over-rated". I'm sure King James will respond ... on the court, and not through the media.

Prediction: Cavaliers in four

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Los Angeles Lakers (1) vs Denver Nuggets (8)

The Nuggets are better than your average number eight seed. However, the Lakers are too much. Kobe Bryant is having another MVP like season. The Lakers won all three regular season meetings.

Prediction: Lakers in six

New Orleans Hornets (2) vs Dallas Mavericks (7)

The Hornets improved their win total by nearly 20 games this past season. Chris Paul is an MVP candidate. However, the Mavericks are out to prove something. Jason Kidd, Dirk Nowitski, and Jason Terry may prove to be too much.

Prediction: Dallas in seven

San Antonio Spurs (3) vs Phoenix Suns (6)

"Big Cactus" Shaquille O'Neal was acquired to help the Suns win it all. However, it's hard to go against the Spurs, who are the defending champs.

Prediction: Spurs in seven

Utah Jazz (4) vs Houston Rockets (5)

A rematch from the first-round last season, the two rivals will clash again. The young Jazz team has another whole year of experience playing together. Expect a repeat.

Prediction : Utah Jazz in six

NBA FINALS

Los Angeles Lakers vs Boston Celtics

Same teams, new faces. Replace Johnson and Bird with Bryant and Garnett. The Lakers have been impressive this year, but the Celtics have been what every NBA insider thought they would be. From start to the finish, they have been dominating. Expect them to bring Boston yet another championship.

Prediction: Boston in seven

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LeBron James dunks against the Washington Wizards in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference Quaterfinals at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, Ohio.

Intramural Schedule this week:

Monday: Soccer - REC Center Gym
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Wednesday: Ultimate Frisbee - 6:30 p.m.
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Comeback falls short, Azteca wins

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Brad Bingham (right), a sophomore mechanical engineering major, dribbles around Tengliang Zhu (left), a ELP major, during intramural soccer Monday night in the REC Center gym.

Jeremy Homan
Assistant Sports Editor

Intramural soccer playoffs kicked off last Monday in the REC Center. It was a No. 1 versus No. 4 seed in the East Conference that started with Azteca defeating the lower seeded Real PUC 11-8.

Both teams scored four goals in the second half, but Azteca's seven first half goals gave them the cushion they needed.

"We scored enough in the first half and held them off in the second," Azteca team member Brad Bingham said. "They gave us a run in the second half and you have to give them credit."

Bingham ended the night with three goals and stellar play on defense.

Azteca took an early lead, but Real PUC hung with them before Azteca pulled away before the half ended. Azteca team member Carlos Salazar added three goals of his own in the victory.

Real PUC came out strong in the second half in an attempt to close the gap. Azteca led at one point in the second half 10-4, but Steve Zhou led the charge for Real PUC. Zhou scored four goals in the game, but the effort fell short.

With the victory, Azteca will face the third seeded Plutonic Spavin in the final four.

"We just have to play hard and we can come out with the win and hopefully make it to the championship," Bingham said.

With the no. 1 seed in the west conference, the Eurostars will take on no. 3 seed Tune Army.

Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik looks forward to the rest of the playoffs.

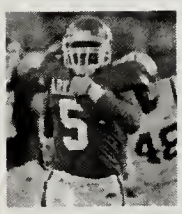
"The regular season went pretty well and everybody seemed to have a good time," Dudzik said. "All the teams are pretty evenly matched and the competition is pretty wide open since there's no one dominant team."

Intramural soccer has one more week left with the final four and the championship.

Ryan Metz's
Weekly High Five
Top NFL prospects for 2008 draft

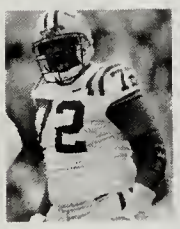
1 Jake Long
Michigan - Offensive Tackle - 6-7, 315 lbs

Talks of a pre-draft contract are already in the works between Miami, who holds the number one pick and this bulldozer who could be an anchor for a line for years to come. A team that has many wholes to fill, can't go wrong with the athletic left tackle from Michigan.



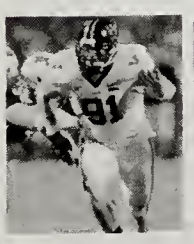
2 Darren McFadden
Arkansas - Running back - 6-2, 205 lbs

DMC torched SEC defenses en route to being the two-time winner of the Doak Walker Award, given to the nation's premier running back. His 4.33 40-yard time in the combine only solidified his stock for the coming draft.



3 Glenn Dorsey
LSU - Defensive Tackle - 6-2, 315 lbs

One of college football's friendlier personalities off the field, and there isn't a scarier matchup on it. Dorsey played much of his senior season hurt, but still posted 69 tackles and seven sacks, despite being the center of attention on most team's scouting reports.



4 Chris Long
Virginia - Defensive end - 6-4, 275 lbs

Long is a high-motor player who happens to be the son of Howie Long. His 4.75 40-yard time at the Combine only proved the fact on how versatile he can be, showing he can not only play end, but outside linebacker in certain schemes as well.

5 Joe Flacco
Delaware - Quarterback - 6-7, 236 lbs

A sleeper, but has the most up-side to any of the quarterbacks in the draft. Has outstanding size and has the strongest arm in the draft, even moves wells around the pocket for being tall.

Owning up to my crush

Ryan Metz
Sports Editor

It always begins with me getting a little starry eyed.

You ask what the object of my affection is? He is 6-feet-tall and 215 pounds of pure baseball grinder. He embodies athleticism and still rocks a mean beard that recently turned blonde.

He had me at hello.

The White Sox new centerfielder Nick Swisher is my new man crush.

So what is a man crush? Well it's nothing my girlfriend has to worry about and you certainly won't find me at any Cher or Clay Aiken concerts in the near future.

But men, we need to put this taboo topic aside and embrace what it is – a man's appreciation of, well ... another man.

Let's not fight it fellas, but let's lay down the ground rules. It's certainly OK to proclaim your love for the pitcher who threw a no-hitter or perhaps buy the sneakers from your favorite hooper, but it's not acceptable to ever have a bare chested poster of Leonardo DiCaprio hanging in your room.

It happens to sports fanatics all the time.

Take for instance the Bears playoff run to the Super Bowl in '07, who among us didn't want to spend a weekend bass fishing together with Brian Urlacher or maybe we share a day changing the oil in a car, while grunting in very manly ways.

My very heterosexual male friends have admitted man crushes on Derek Jeter, Bobby Jenks, Tiger Woods, Brett Favre and David Wright.

Now this man crush isn't new to me at all. It surfaced the first couple of times I laid eyes on Kobe Bryant and Tom Brady always will have a soft spot in my heart. Have you seen what that man wears in post-game interviews? Stunning.

Take Andy Roddick for example. He's a guy could have no problem being smitten with him.

He's America's most prominent tennis player, his serves reach 155 mph, is endorsed by Rolex and Lacoste and recently got engaged to Sports Illustrated bikini model Brooklyn Decker. Trust me, she is worth a Google search.

When David Beckham brought his soccer talents to America in the summer of '07, I was as giddy as a kid in a candy store.

Mind you, I couldn't tell the difference between a corner kick and shin guards in soccer, but I would sit and watch a game of his wearing my Beckham number 23 jersey and his Instinct cologne line like a true man crushee. What guy wouldn't want to slap down a Bud Light on the table and say, "Drink up pal!"

Now let me go finish putting up the poster in my room of Swisher.

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NATIONAL LAMPOON SPORTS MINUTE

Pope Benedict XVI held a mass for 46,000 worshippers at the new Nationals Park in Washington D.C. He was such a big draw, the Nationals have asked him to stay and play left field.

Houston Astros shortstop Miguel Tejada admitted to being 33, two years older than previously thought. Tejada's confession came just in time, as the team was about to cut him open and count his rings. And considering he'd been playing for Baltimore and Oakland, he doesn't have any rings.

Milwaukee Bucks forward Desmond Mason said his team needs to work on their chemistry. Based on the way the Bucks have been shooting, they may also want to work on their physics.

And Manny Ramirez has announced he plans to play six more years in Boston before retiring. That works out to be about 3,000 plate appearances, 900 games and 25 trade demands. And when he finally does retire, Manny will be buried in the concrete of Yankee Stadium.

The former owner of the Seattle SuperSonics is suing the current ownership to get the team back. The team is also getting sued by every sports broadcaster who has a lisp.

Minnesota forward Antoine Walker wants to be traded to a team that will give him significant minutes. The New York Liberty have expressed interest.

And Tom Brady has allegedly proposed to his longtime girlfriend, Giselle Bundchen. Perhaps he can borrow a ring from the Giants.

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Peregrine coach Gordon resigns

Ryan Metz
Sports Editor

Grayling Gordon resigned as PUC's men's head basketball coach late Friday, stepping down after just one season.

The Peregrines finished 6-23 during the 2007-08 season, while all of the players maintained their academic eligibility.

Athletic Director Robert Bunnell said a national search for Gordon's replacement will begin immediately, according a press release.

Gordon was hired last July to revive a PUC program forced into a season cancellation during the 2006-07 season due to academic ineligibilities.

"It was just a shock for all of us, none of us expected it," freshman guard Josh Collins said. "It hit a lot of us really hard, especially from someone who you get close to during the season.

"We all listened and tried to talk to them but I guess it's the best decision for the program. We really don't know any of the details, we just know he resigned and that's all we know so far."

The players are set to have a team meeting on Wednesday.

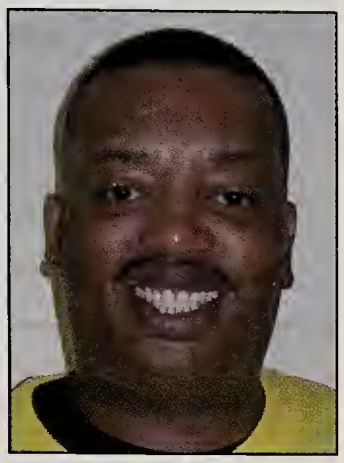
"All of us still plan on staying here," Collins added. "We're going to get together and probably have a separate players meeting and talk about how we have to play for ourselves and try to build upon what we did last season."

Gordon previously coached at Purdue North Central for five seasons, before coming to PUC in July. He also served as an assistant coach at PUC under former coach Gary Hayes. Gordon graduated from the University of Dubuque, where he also served as coach for three seasons.

Three incoming recruits were signed up to play next season at PUC, to add to a mix of players that lost no seniors, and featured nine freshmen.

Bunnell and Sports Information Director Dave Fanno could not be reached for comment.

Keep update on Gordon's resignation at **pucchronicle.com**



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Pumping up the iron

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Kelley Tomaszewski, a junior biology major competes in the Team Bench Press Competition which was held on Wednesday in the Fitness Center weight room.

Nathyn D. Gibson
Photo Editor

The team of Sam Condes, Julaine Dyke, and Professor Wang took the title as the 2008 Team Bench Press Champions with a score of 149.08.

The competition took place in the Fitness Center weight room. The scores were determined by the largest amount of weight a competitor successfully lifted divided by the competitor's weight.

Dyke, a junior in electrical engineering, started her turn off by easily benching 85 pounds, followed by 95 pounds in her second turn. Dyke later benched 100 in her last attempt.

In Wang's first and second turn, he attempted and successfully completed 230 and 240 pounds. In his third turn, 247 pounds was placed on the bar. Slowly but surely, Wang was able to conquer the large amount of weight.

Condes, a junior in electrical engineering, was able to lift the most weight for his team. Condes stated off by lifting 285 pounds and 295 pounds in his second turn without any hesitation.

"Let's do it" were the words Condes proclaimed as he hyped himself before attempting to lift 305 pounds.

A major support in Condes's performance was the music that streamed through his mp3 player.

Condes used adrenaline enhancing songs like Korn's "Right Now," Three Doors Down's "Kryptonite," and DMX's "X Gonna Give It To You" as motivation through his turns.

Orozco, a junior in electrical engineering, earned bragging rights by being able to lift the most weight in the competition.

Orozco began his first and second turn by completing 335 and 350 pounds with ease, causing a spectator to claim, "That looked way too easy for you." In his third attempt, Orozco was able to lift 390 pounds.

Another person to earn bragging rights was Kim Trader. She became the first woman in the competition who was successfully able to bench more than her body weight when was successfully lifted 125 pounds.

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